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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS**  
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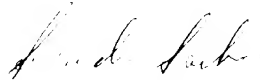
SIR:

Applicant(s) hereby give notice that Small Entity Status is claimed in the above-identified application.

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